



Competition Rules 2023

Inter-Regional Championships & Challenge Tournament

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 These Rules apply to the Inter Regional Championship, the Junior Inter-Regional Championship and Challenge Tournament.
- 1.2 Regulations for play shall be the “Official Rules for the Sport of Pétanque” and the variations set out in these “Competition Rules” which supplement them.
- 1.3 The Events Group will appoint one or more organisers for the duration of the competition, who shall be responsible for the general organisation of the games and for ensuring that the results are correctly recorded.
- 1.4 The Umpiring Commission Executive will appoint a qualified umpire or umpires, to be responsible for the application and interpretation of these rules and the Official Rules for the Sport of Pétanque.
- 1.5 The Umpire, in consultation with the Organiser will, appoint a jury for the event if necessary. This jury will consist of a minimum of 3 (maximum 5) PE members, who are not directly involved in the issue to be resolved.
- 1.6 Any case not provided for in these competition rules or in the Official Rules for the Sport of Pétanque must be submitted to the umpire, who may refer it to the competition’s jury.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 To be eligible, all participants must hold a Pétanque England licence for the Region they are representing. With the exception of a Combined squad or team, or any other teams invited by PE to participate.
- 2.2 Any player indebted to PE will not be eligible to participate.
- 2.3 Eligibility of all participants will be verified prior to the event.
- 2.4 Regions are responsible for registering all squad managers and players in their respective teams on the appropriate registration form and importantly, for ensuring that the squad manager and all their players licences are valid.

Teams may be registered with 3 or 4 players.
- 2.5 Where a team consist of 4 players, they may change one player during a game, but only the once and then only between two ends after informing the opposing team.

The change of a player must be recorded on the scorecard for that game. No additional players may be added to a team after registration has closed.

- 2.6 Substitutions (other than the registered fourth player) will only be allowed in extreme circumstances (e.g. injury or severe illness), and with the permission of the competition jury.

3. SQUADS

- 3.1 For the Inter-Regional Championship each Regional squad will consist of 8 open triple teams.
- 3.2 For the Junior Inter-Regional Championship each Region will consist of 1 or 2 open triple teams.
- 3.3 For the Challenge Tournament each Regional squad will consist of 4 open triple teams.

4. COMBINED TEAMS

- 4.1 If required, a combined squad may be formed for the Inter-Regional Championship Division 2, Junior Inter-Regional Championship and/or Challenge Tournament Division 2.
- 4.2 For the Inter-Regional Championship, the squad will be composed of 4 teams from the previous year’s Division 1 winning Region and two teams each from the previous year’s Division 1 second and third placed Regions.

This squad will be managed by the previous year’s Division 1 winning Region.
- 4.3 For the Inter-Regional Junior Championship, the team will be composed of 4 players, 2 each from the previous year’s Championship winning and second placed Regions. This team will be managed by the previous year’s winning Region.
- 4.4 For the Challenge Tournament, the squad will be composed of 4 teams, 2 each from the previous year’s Division 1 Challenge winning and second placed Regions. This squad will be managed by the previous year’s Division 1 winning Region.
- 4.5 In each case, if any of these Regions are unable to field the additional teams, the vacancies will be filled by the next Division 1 finishing Region/s.
- 4.6 A Combined squad will not be eligible for promotion.

5. SQUAD MANAGERS

- 5.1 Each squad must have a manager. The Squad manager cannot be a player in a team, but must have a valid PE Licence. Any region that does not provide a non-playing team manager will have 5 wins deducted from their overall score at the end of the tournament.

- 5.2 The Squad manager is responsible for each team in the squad and in particular for their good sportsmanship and appearance as described in these rules.
- 5.3 The Squad manager must respond to any call or request from the control table and participate in any random draw for their squad.
- 5.4 Throughout the competition, the squad manager must be with the squad at the playing area assigned to them by the control table or umpire.
- 5.5 The Squad manager must not move or gesticulate during a game, and must not intervene on the terrain. However, at the request of the players, the squad manager may give advice, provided that this does not extend the time allowed for throwing the jack or a boule.
- 5.6 The Junior Team managers, must be DBS screened.
- 8.2 The consumption of alcohol or smoking (including electronic smoking or nicotine devices) by participants is prohibited during play, in the area of the terrains and is actively discouraged at all other times.
- 8.3 Mobile phones must be turned off or switched to silent during play.
- 8.4 All participants must abide by the rules of the venue or face immediate disqualification from the event.
- 8.5 Any player or team breaching the published rules and regulations may be disqualified from the tournament and reported to the Umpiring Commission Executive, who may refer the report to PE.
- 8.6 Photography and videography must be carried out in accordance with the PE's Safeguarding Practice and Procedure, which is published on PE's Website.
- 8.7 PE reserves the right to exclude from the Inter-Regional Championships and Challenge Tournament, any member whose conduct is in breach, or repeated breach of the published rules and regulations.

6. SQUAD (TEAM) CLOTHING

- 6.1 All participants must wear clean neat and tidy clothing which is not offensive or likely to cause offence.
- 6.2 Players in each team must wear their current, official regional matching team kit.
- 6.3 The regional kit must consist of matching tops (jackets, shirts etc.), with trousers or shorts of the same colour (no shorter than the player's fingertips with the arms and fingers extended at the player's side), jeans are not permitted.
- 6.4 The tops, with at least short sleeves, do not have to be identical in layer (jacket, jumper, shirt) but all the players in a team must be easily identifiable as belonging to that team and squad.
- 6.5 Enclosed footwear must be worn, no sandals of any kind are permitted.
- 6.6 In the event of wet weather, waterproof tops and bottoms may be worn and do not need to be matching.

7. COMPETITION ORGANISATION

- 7.1 The format for the Inter-Regional Championship and Challenge Tournament is set by the Events Group.
- 7.2 Where possible the Inter Regional Championship & Challenge Tournament will consist of two divisions of 8 Regions each.
- 7.3 The relegation of the bottom two squads in division one and the promotion of the top two squads in division 2 will be announced at the end of each year's event.
- 7.4 Any subsequent withdrawal of a squad from division 1 will be dealt with by promotion of the next eligible squad.

8. DISCIPLINE

- 8.1 A player, or team, who after a warning from the umpire, fails to comply with the rules concerning (squad) team clothing, will be disqualified for the remainder of the competition.

APPENDIX 1
Article 6 / Article 8

